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SUBJ: EXPLOITATION OF HAITIAN MINERALS

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1. IN A LEADING ARTICLE DATED LINED AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
PORT AU PRINCE, THE AUTHORITATIVE LE NOUVEAU MONDE ON NOV. 12
BROKE THE NEWS OF IMPORTANT COPPER AND GOLD DISCOVERIES IN
HAITI. THE ARTICLE QUOTES AN UNNAMED GERMAN COPPER EXPERT
AS SAYING "HAITI IS A NEW BOUGAINVILLE" AND NOTED THAT ONE
SEAM WORTH BILLIONS OF DOLLARS COULD BE ESTABLISHED BY EARLY
1975. IN GENERAL, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THERE ARE THREE
LARGE "PORPHYRIQUE" TYPE DEPOSITS OF GOOD QUALITY COPPER
MIXED WITH SILVER, ZINC AND MOLYBDENUM. THE ARTICLE ATDSO
REPORTS THERE ARE PRIMARY AND ALLUVIAL GOLD DEPOSITS
"COMPARABLE OR EVEN SUPERIOR" TO THOSE OF THE DOMINICAN
REPUBLIC.

2. THE ARTICLE NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FIND FOR HAITIAN
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF THE "DERISORY"
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AMOUNT OF FOREIGN AID GIVEN HAITI COMPARED TO THAT

PROVIDED OTHER THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES AND PROPHESED THAT LIVING STANDARDS COULD BE TRIPLED OR QUADRUPLD IN A FEW YEARS. THE ARTILCE NOTED THAT THE GOH WOULD NEGOTIATE CONCESSIONS UNDER THE NEW "VERY NATIONALISTIC" MINING LAW AND STATED THAT THREE COMPANIES, KENNECOTT (US), PENNAROYA (FRANCE), AND COMINGO (CANADIAN) HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST. ISHAM

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